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SOUTHERN STAR

Stray dogs will not go hungry in city

MLA S.A. Ramdas seen handing over a bag of dog food and rice to a volunteer as B.S. Prashanth of Let's do it! Mysore and others look on. Picture right shows Vikram, a resident of K.R. Mohalla in city, feeding street dogs. Ever since the lockdown has been imposed, he has been on a mission to feed dogs, monkeys and even stray cows.

Mysuru, Apr. 20 (PM)- Apart from delivering essential commodities and cooked food to people at their doorstep during the lockdown, Mysureans are also feeding stray animals and monkeys.

Thousands of stray cats and dogs depend on food and waste from markets, restaurants and grocery shops. But with Coronavirus sending people into isolation and public establishments shutting down, strays are having a hard time finding food. In a bid to provide food for stray dogs and to help those feeding the strays, the Mysuru Covid Care team, led by MLA S.A. Ramdas provided dog food tofeeders at Saraswathipuram this morning.

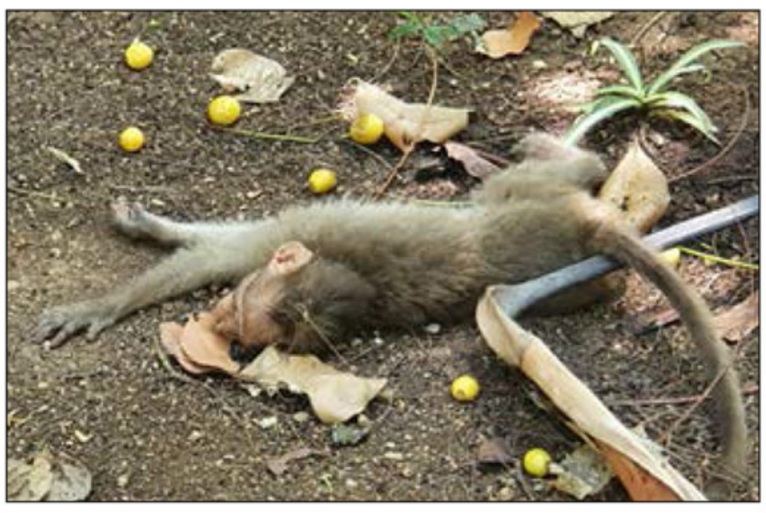
Though 45 dog food feeders had registered, only 15 feeders received the dog food and each feeder was given a 20 kg pedigree bag, 25 kg rice and 25 packets of biscuits. Ramdas said that there were plans to establish a Stray Dog Rehabilitation Centre in Mysuru and the procedures for the same would begin after the lockdown ends. He also said that a letter pertaining to the issue has been sent to the Animal Husbandry Departments of both Central and State Governments.

Ramdas said that he would convene a meeting of dog feeders after the lockdown ends and a committee would be formed. Ramdas said that an appeal was made to the residents of his constituency (Krishnaraja) to feed stray dogs which received many positive response.

As many dog lovers had taken up the responsibility of feeding stray dogs in city, the Mysore Covid Care Team has identified them and distributed dog food, he added.

Let's do it! Mysore President B.S. Prashanth, Bhashyam and Ranjini of Let's do it! Mysore and others were present.

Mystery shrouds death of three monkeys in Mysuru



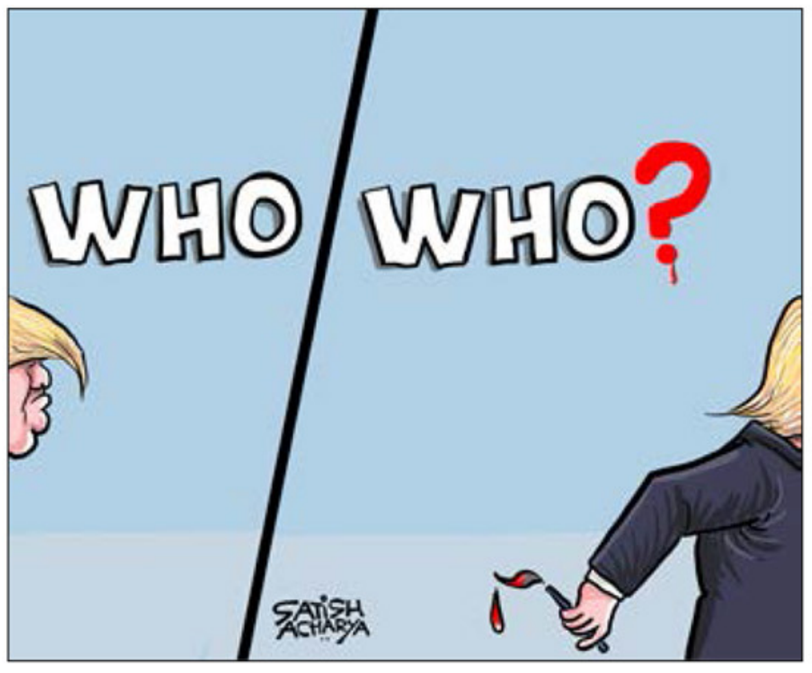
Mysuru, Apr. 20 (MTY)- Three monkeys were found dead under mysterious circumstances in an ashram premises at Hadajana village in the taluk today, triggering panic among the people of the region. Three more monkeys are battling for life and are being treated.

Following the deaths of the monkeys, a complaint has been lodged with the officials of the District Health and Family Welfare Department.

Meanwhile, officials of the Animal Husbandry Department, who rushed to the spot are providing treatment to the ailing monkeys. Though there is a speculation in the region that the monkeys might have died due to suspected Kyasanur Forest Disease, officials have suspected that the monkey might have been poisoned or they would have eaten pesticide-laced fruits. But the exact cause of the monkey deaths would be known only after post-mortem.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



Home Guards lend shoulders to City Cops in their Virus fight

Mysuru, Apr. 20 (SBD)- With people moving around for urgent works and the Police under severe stress to maintain vigil on city roads and check-posts, the services rendered by the Home Guards, who are lending their shoulders to the Police in enforcing lockdown rules, has to be remembered and commended.

These Home Guards too are among the Corona Warriors, who are working tirelessly in enforcing lockdown rules, creating awareness about the Dos and Don'ts during lockdown and are assisting the Police by conducting checking for violators in the lanes and by-lanes of the urban areas and the interiors of the rural areas.

This apart, the Home Guards are also helping the Police in maintaining law and order situation along with the enforcement of lockdown rules and regulations.

Under the Police Department, there are nearly 250 Home Guards in city and more than 70 at various places in the district, who are toiling day and night to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. These Home Guards are a relief to the Police Department which is facing a staff crunch.

Though a few people abuse them in the absence of Police personnel, the Home Guards are not losing their confidence and are still serving the people, for which they have to be complimented.

Food on roads

While most people are safe at their homes receiving groceries from the Government and other organisations and spending the lockdown period with their family members by watching TV, playing with children, it is impossible for the Police and the Home Guards to be like that as they have to be in their designated spot till their shift gets over.

They do not get food from their homes and have to eat whatever the Police Department or others give and consume the same on roadsides. There is even problem for drinking water to them.

These personnel, especially women, cannot even attend nature's call and they work for 8-10 hours continuously despite such problems. Life is not easy for these personnel even after they come home as the fear of Coronavirus does not allow them to mingle freely with their family members and also spend good time with their children.

Home Guards do not have life security. Though they work under the Police, Excise, Tourism and other Departments, they are only paid honorarium, which is also delayed sometimes.

They have to work day and night during emergencies and with no transport facility, they have to move around in their own two-wheelers, spending money on fuel. Those who do not have two-wheelers have to depend on others to reach their work place.

If their salaries are delayed, they have to take loan by paying interest to private financers. Despite facing such problems, Home Guards are protecting the people and their services should be appreciated by one and all.

Members of the public, who have understood the efforts and problems faced by the Home Guards have urged for the payment of salaries on time and also provide necessary facilities, which would boost their confidence in such trying times.

Balaga distributes books to children

Mysuru, Apr. 20 (MTY)- Children, who used to be busy with some or the other extracurricular activities, during their summer holidays, have no option but stay home this time with nationwide lockdown in place to contain the deadly COVID-19.

Keeping this in mind, B.Y. Vijayendra Samskrutika Balaga has started a campaign titled *'Corona Kattaleyalli Aata-Paatada Belaku.'*

Dr. Nandish Hanche, Chairman of Kannada Book Authority, launched the campaign by giving a go to the toys and books distribution programme led by BJP leader R. Raghu Kautilya at Medarakeri in Nanjumalige here yesterday. Speaking later, he appreciated the distribution of books for free stating that it was important to look after children during this period just like taking care of elders at homes.

As children are offered books to read and also books with activities, kids can be active. Otherwise, the Coronavirus outbreak and the lockdown may affect children's mental health, he said.

"It is commendable that children at home are given the opportunity to spend their leisure time to develop reading habit by avoiding the advent of mobile and internet," he added.

BJP leader Raghu Kautilya, who spoke, said that the lockdown could leave children sitting at home feeling depressed. Children, who were actively participating in sports activities and summer camps every year, are now idol at home due to the lockdown which is, however, aimed at containing the Coronavirus spread.

"To keep occupied the children, who are locked in their homes with no social interaction, the CM has already started a YouTube Channel. But, in order to make sure that children do not get hooked on to YouTube and online activities alone, B.Y. Vijayendra Samskrutika Balaga started this programme of distributing books to children. In addition to this, children are motivated to engage in activities with a variety of tastes and talents, including chess, carom and painting," added Raghu Kautilya.

Corporator M.V. Ramprasad, BJP leader Gokul Govardhan, Convenor Vikram Iyengar and others were present.

VOICE OF THE READER

More on Property Tax payment

Sir,

Over the last few days, there have been several suggestions on payment of Property Tax (three suggestions in fact). I agree with two. The one I do not agree with and think it not at all a safe suggestion with the spread of COVID-19 is the one where one reader has recommended that MCC organise collection of Property Tax door-to-door. It is a bad suggestion and a perfect way to sneak in the virus on people who faithfully and safely observe the lockdown regulations.

The other two suggestions: One online payment of tax. I feel it is strange that this option has not yet been implemented even when the software has been acquired at tax-payers money and not utilised. It makes me wonder if vested interests are blocking the implementation of this tax-payer friendly option. If implemented I will wholeheartedly utilise this option.

The third option though is a stop-gap option which will be in the interest of the Government and the tax-payer. As suggested, any difference of amount can be made up in the next tax cycle. Both the second and third suggestions are good options but since the second option is not yet implemented we should go for the third option.

— George C. A. Rego
Mysuru
19.4.2020

MCC can use Banks for Property Tax collection

Sir,

Since last one year, people of Mysuru were awaiting for implementation of online payment of property tax. This time too, the expectations remained as expectations only.

Since last couple of days, many readers have expressed certain ways and means to avoid rush (keeping in view the present COVID-19 crisis and social distancing aspect) at the MCC Zonal Offices, when the tax collections begin from Apr.1.

With the lockdown period extended till May 3 and the last date for 5% rebate being May 31, Zonal Offices may experience heavy rush and people may violate COVID Advisory norms. Here again, senior citizens and women will be put to lot of inconvenience.

Added to this, the counter opens at 10.30 am and before this citizens crowd and stand in long queues. Forgetting the online system, why not MCC think of utilising Banks like SBI, Union Bank of India (former Corporation Bank) and other Banks for the purpose by accepting the property tax at their designated counters and if required, outsourced staff may be deputed to help tax-payers to fill challan as is being the case at the Zonal Offices.

Let MCC think over this and ease out the situation which will also be a novel way in combating COVID-19.

— Vijay Hemmige
Vijayanagar Railway Layout
19.4.2020

Mysore University starts online classes

Mysuru, Apr. 20- The University of Mysore (UoM) has started online classes for Under-Graduate (UG) and Post-Graduate (PG) students, said the UoM Registrar.

WhatsApp Groups have been created according to semester, subject and section, providing students with the tools they need to read, including lessons, PPT and videos.

Students can also get e-sources, e-books, e-prints on the UoM website through a web link. In order to help students concentrate on their studies during lockdown period, faculty members are guiding their students through messages and calls, the Registrar added.

Obituary

Sitamma

Mysuru, Apr. 20- Sitamma (88), wife of late freedom fighter Ananta Narayana Iyengar and mother of musician and *SOM* music critic Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan, passed away last night at her son's residence in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage here following a cardiac arrest.

She leaves behind her son Ramapriya, daughter-in-law Geeta Ramapriya, daughters Jayanti and Padmavathi and a host of relatives.

Last rites were held this morning at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

An ode to frontline fighters

'Corona Warriors': A short-film by city's Suthan Dileep

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Apr. 20- If you think sitting at home, following the guidelines of lockdown set by the Government is tiring, imagine the plight of doctors, Police personnel and others in the essential line of services, who are working tirelessly day and night, risking themselves and their families, to keep you and your family safe amidst the ongoing pandemic.

These frontline fighters have no choice but to serve the nation and the public so that the nation regains normalcy at the earliest. And the best thing we public can do is listen to these frontline Corona warriors and stay home, stay safe and stay healthy.

With these in mind, city's Suthan Dileep, short film maker and a resident of Srirampura, has made a short-film (4 minutes, 30 seconds) titled 'Corona Warriors', under the banner 'The Creative Corner.'

Suthan Dileep is presently working with the Digital Department of the District Administration where he and his team have volunteered as 'Corona Warriors.' The team has already made short films and uploaded them on *YouTube* under 'Corona TV — Corona Thamma' stressing on the importance of washing hands, social distancing and strictly following the rules of lockdown.

The team has also made short films for the District Administration's Facebook and Instagram 'Fight against COVID-19'pages to help create awareness amongst the public on the importance of social distancing, using hand sanitisers and how to engage children at home during the lockdown. All these videos have gained huge popularity and a lot of views. The team has to its credit, a placard campaign with the message, 'I am at home, safe and you too stay home, stay safe.'

Movie Plot: The opening scene of the short-film, 'Corona Warriors' shows a family of three, father, mother and a daughter, inside their house amidst the lockdown, playing 'Chowkabhaara' (ancient Indian game). Then, a neighbour's kid joins them and they continue the game. Then, the man of the house, a Police Officer gets a call from the Dy.SP to come to Office immediately and he leaves. Then the mother, a doctor also gets a call to urgently rush to the hospital.

They bid adieu to the daughter and head towards work. Then the boy's mother comes and drags her son of out the neighbour's house and takes him home leaving the daughter all alone. Then a few days later, the daughter starts showing symptoms of Corona and the parents are in complete shock. The mother, looking at the symptoms of her daughter rushes towards her, but then the father, even during such tough times, showcasing pragmatism, asks his wife to first wear mask and then tend to their daughter.

The movie is a dedication to all these frontline warriors of Corona, especially Police, doctors, nurses, staff in the Health and Sanitation Department, District Administration, who in spite of being aware of the risks, are stepping out of the comforts of their own homes to serve the nation and its citizens.

The Cast: The short-film has a total of five artistes. The role of the father is played by Pradeep, a software professional, that of the doctor is played by his wife Meena Shantha, a journalist in real life and their daughter Disha, a class V student. The family actually resides in Rajarajeshwarinagar in Bengaluru and were here in Mysuru on a visit to Meena's mother's house and ended up extending the vacation amidst the lockdown.

The neighbour's role is played by Sowmya Kulkarni, who is actually the wife of a doctor and that of the kid is played by 1st standard boy Harsha. Although none of them are from any movie background, their acting is worth a watch. Even though the movie has no dialogues, the message is conveyed in a very effective manner.

The movie director, Suthan Dileep, talking to *Star of Mysore* said, "It took me just around 3 hours to film the movie and 20 hours of editing work. This movie is dedicated to those working in the frontline as Corona Warriors, including Police personnel, doctors, nurses, Home Guards, Government staff, Banks, Post Offices and other Departments."

"They too have families, but as a call of duty, come out of their houses and serve us. That is why I chose this as the theme for the movie. Hope the people understand the importance of staying home and staying safe by ensuring social distancing and practicing proper hygiene. This gives the Government the scope to flatten the curve to a large extent and help save lives too," he added.

Locals oppose return of COVID-19 recovered patient

Mysuru, Apr.20- Thanks to the intervention of Chamaraja MLA L.Nagendra, a COVID-19 recovered patient who was discharged from the hospital returned to his home on Saturday after he was strongly opposed by local residents.

The COVID-19 patient (P-77), an employee of Nanjangud's Jubilant Generics and a resident of 6th cross, Janatanagar, was discharged from the Hospital on Saturday after full recovery. But local residents strongly opposed his return to home out of the virus scare.

The residents were all the more worried after the wife (P-312) of patient P-77 too tested positive on Thursday last and was admitted to the COVID-19 hospital. As residents strongly resisted his (P-77) return to home, the recovered patient was lodged at a Hotel on Saturday.

Nagendra upon learning of the incident, visited Janatanagar and succeeded in convincing the residents that the recovered person was no more a health threat to them, after which the recovered patient returned to his home on Sunday afternoon.

Corporator Vedavathi Shivashankar, BJP leaders Shivashankar and Ramesh, KR ACP Poornachandra Tejaswi, Saraswathipuram Police Inspector Vijaykumar, MCC Zonal Commissioner Priyadarshini and others were present.

Over 9,000 Corona Warriors up in arms against pandemic

By S.T. Ravi Kumar

Mysuru, Apr.20- Battling killer Coronavirus and preventing its spread requires a concerted effort from various Government Departments, Police agencies, volunteers and, of course, the public in large. Only if all join hands can we fight the pandemic and uproot it from the locality, district, State and country.

In Mysuru, over 9,000 personnel from various Departments, health workers and civil volunteers are engaged in the battle against the deadly virus. Apart from 500 doctors, 250 nurses and other para-medical staff, the frontline warriors in the district include 1,700 ASHA workers, 1,000 health assistants, 150 pharmacists,120 lab technicians, 400 'D' Group employees and 100 drivers. Apart from this, several 'D' Group employees of Health and Family Welfare Department, Middle-Level Health Providers (MLHP), Health coordinators of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Counsellors, Block Programme Managers, District Programme Officers and Accounts Managers too are part of the battle and have been assigned tasks by the Deputy Commissioner.

The Medical Education Department too is at the frontline of the battle with MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, over 50 doctors attached to K.R. Hospital and PKTB Sanatorium, Post-Graduate medical students, Staff Nurses, Pharmacists, Para-medical staff, sweepers and security guards engaged in the battle against the virus at the designated COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road.

BM Hospital converted as Isolation Centre

The District Administration, which has taken control of the non-functional BM Hospital on Hunsur Road, has converted it into an Isolation Centre. The suspect patients for whom home quarantine is not possible, are brought here and kept in isolation.

The authorities have converted Indra Comforts near Seshadripuram College on Hebbal Ring Road and Viceroy Hotel on Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road as quarantine centres and those who are found symptomatic are quarantined in these centres.

All doctors and other medical staff working at COVID-19 Hospital, Sample Collection Centres, Quarantine Centres, Isolation Centres, Fever Clinics and other high risk spots are compulsorily required to wear Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), which costs Rs.1,750 each. Also these PPEs are meant for one-time use and the doctors and other staff who use it, have to dispose it of safely as per protocol.

All the blood and throat swab samples collected from COVID-19 suspects and symptomatic patients are tested at the Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory located in Microbiology Wing of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI). The test of each sample costs Rs.2,750. Such persons, who test positive for COVID-19, will be immediately taken to the COVID-19 Hospital for treatment while those tested negative will be kept under a 14-day isolation.

The District Administration spends lakhs of rupees every day to provide food to doctors and other staff at the hospital, sterilisation of equipment, spraying of disinfectants, management of quarantine and Isolation Centres and for other precautionary and safety measures.

The Administration is also spending for sample collection and transportation of patients in ambulances. Five ambulances are designated for the purpose and every ambulance is regularly sterilised. The expenses also include fogging and spraying of disinfectants in residential areas and public places, maintenance of vehicles, contact tracing and treatment and other related expenses.

With the number of COVID-19 positive cases rising in the District, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth, District Health Officer Dr. R. Venkatesh, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and other top officials are working round-the-clock overseeing the precautionary and safety measures.

Sri Swamiji hands over Rs. 18 lakh food grains to Mysuru District Administration

Mysuru, Apr. 20- Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji of Avadhoota Datta Peetham, Mysuru, handed over food grains worth Rs. 18 lakh to the District Administration to be distributed among the poor.

Two truckloads of rice-dal and two tempos of cooking oil was handed over to the DC Abhiram G. Sankar at the Ashram premises on Nanjangud Road here this morning. While two truckloads contained 30,000 kg rice and 3,000 kg dal, the two tempos contained 3,000 litres of cooking oil. Sri Swamiji asked the DC to distribute the food grains and cooking oil to the homeless, those not having Ration Cards and to the labourers of unorganised sectors.

Following an appeal by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde on Facebook recently that the District Administration was taking all necessary steps and precautions to prevent the spread of Coronavirus besides requesting donors to help the poor with food items, the Swamiji, through the Ashram donated food items to the District Administration.

Co-operate with Government

Speaking on the occasion, the Swamiji said that COVID-19 situation was turning critical and appealed to the public to co-operate with the Govt. in fighting the virus. The Swamiji also appealed to the public to be safe by wearing masks, maintaining social distancing and personal hygiene. He asked the public not to consume water everywhere but carry their own drinking water bottles.

DC Abhiram Sankar said that the food items worth Rs. 18 lakh donated by the Swamiji would be distributed to the needy in MCC limits.

It may be recalled that Sri Ganapathy Swamiji had earlier donated Rs. 15 lakh to the District Administration to help the poor and the Ashram branches at Bengaluru, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have been feeding more than 8,000 people daily.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Avadhoota Datta Peetham Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, Avadhoota Datta Peetham Trustee and hotelier M. Rajendra, Dr. N. Nithyanand Rao and Executive Officer H.V. Prasad were present.

Krishnaraja MLA Ramdas' COVID Care Team Stands Tall

By Rajkumar Bhavasar

Mysuru, Apr. 20- The Coronavirus pandemic has brought the world to a standstill with many of them not even able to get two meals a day or the essential groceries to cook their own food. So has been the cases of many from the labour class, those with no BPL or APL cards, migrant workers and also the transgender community in the city.

Amidst all the struggles, Krishnaraja Constituency MLA S.A. Ramdas has come to the rescue of all these people and has distributed around 173 grocery kits to the people of transgender community.

Apart from this, the MLA has also identified the poor, daily wage labourers and other needy people and has made arrangements to provide them with two meals a day since Mar. 23.

40 volunteers serving 3,500 families: A 'COVID Care Team' has been set up by Ramdas under which around 40 volunteers deliver two meals a day to around 3,500 families in city. A house near Vivekanandanagar Circle has been taken up to prepare meals for these families wherein around 20 cooks have volunteered to prepare food.

Apart from this, the volunteers have identified 1,500 houses in the city whose families have been quarantined and provide them with their daily groceries, medicines and other essential services.

These volunteers call up the residents and ask about their welfare on a daily basis.

The team also has a Facebook page on which they go live every day and try to deliver necessary items as per the citizens' requests.

Emergency — Call 0821-4001100: Those in need of urgent medicines, dialysis or any other medical emergencies may call Ph: 0821-4001100 to get transport facilities set up by the Care Team. The team also has two ambulances at its disposal for pregnant women, if need be.

If at all someone needs counselling, they can call the above number between 11 am and 2 pm every day since many may be facing anxiety, depression, etc. amidst the lockdown. Around 33 organisations in city have collaborated with the Care Team that comprises Aasare Foundation, GSS Foundation and Let's Do It! Mysore among others.

Rs. 10 lakh contribution collected: "Apart from our everyday services, to create patriotic awareness among the public and to support the PM's COVID-19 Relief Fund, we have set up an account wherein people can donate as less as Rs. 10 up to Rs. 100 towards the Fund, which is managed by hundreds of COVID-19 Care Team volunteers, relentlessly working day and night. Till date around 60,000 people have come forward and the team has been able to collect around Rs. 10 lakh as contribution. Hope many more come forward and contribute in the days to come," said MLA Ramdas.

Former MLA M.K Somashekar extends helping hand

Mysuru, Apr. 20 (RKB)- Former MLA and President of Janaspandana Trust M.K. Somashekhar has been extending helping hands to the needy in the wake of nationwide lockdown.

In Mysuru, former MLA Somashekhar is providing food packets and other essential items to those who need it the most at the time of Coronavirus crisis.

The Trust founded by Somashekhar is now managing a kitchen at Chikkamma Niketana Choultry located at Kuvempu Nagar in city in which over 15 cooks are preparing food including rice bath, tomato bath, chitranna, and vegetable bath every day and over 2,500 food packets are being sent in 4 to 5 vehicles to feed the poor in different parts of the city. As of now, the Trust has prepared and distributed more than two lakh food packets.

Following lockdown, transportation came to a halt and hotels were closed in the city. A large number of daily wage workers, who could not return to their native villages, are having a tough time as there are no hotels as well as no work due to lockdown. Somashekhar decided to distribute food to these workers as well as destitute persons and the Trust has been providing food to them since the past 26 days without a break.

Every day, food packets prepared and packed at Chikkamma Niketana Choultry are being transported and distributed to people including patients admitted to K.R. Hospital, Chelu-

vamba Hospital and Jayanagar Primary Health centre. Food packets distributed to families of burial ground workers.

On Sunday, Somashekhar distributed food packets to families of workers at Vishweshwaranagar, Ashokapuram and Harishchandra Ghat Burial Grounds and other residential localities including KG Koppal. Masks, sanitizers and other essential items were also distributed to them.

Industrialist D.S. Dinakar, artist Ravi, Congress leaders Siddhu, Vishwa and Harish, President of Mysuru City IT Cell Niral C. Shah, former Corporator Shivanna and Manju were present.

Passing through...

Chamaraja Constituency MLA L. Nagendra distributed ration kits to Pourakarmikas, destitute, unorganised sector labourers and poorest of the poor who do not possess ration cards at a programme held at Sri Lakshmamma Annayyappa Memorial Hall on KRS Road this morning. The beneficiaries were identified from Ward No.5 in Kumbarakoppal. Picture right shows the beneficiaries walking past the Mysuru District COVID Hospital on KRS Road with the kits perched on their heads, seemingly unaware of the positive patients under quarantine at the designated hospital. [Pics by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Online workshop for NSS volunteers on COVID-19

Mysuru, Apr. 20- Seshadripuram Independent Pre-University College, Mysuru, in association with Government of Karnataka and NSS Cell, had organised online workshop for NSS volunteers on COVID-19 on Apr. 17 through Zoom app.

Inaugural speech was delivered by Khadrinarasimhaiah, Director, NSS Regional Centre, Ministry of Youth Affairs of Sports, Government of India. The keynote speakers, Dr. Ganatha Shetty Ekkar, State NSS Officer, Government of Karnataka; Dr. Poornima Jogi, State NSS Implementation Officer and Dr. Gubbi Goodu Ramesh, State NSS Co-Ordinator, Karnataka PU Board, Bengaluru, addressed the NSS volunteers to create awareness on the harmful effects of COVID-19 and precautions to be taken.

Dr. T. Shivakumar, Medical Officer, Chitradurga, who was the resource person, gave detailed information on COVID-19, its origin, history, structure, symptoms, intensity and mortality ratio.

N. Archana Swamy, Principal, Seshadripuram College, welcomed. Dr. Ravi, NSS Co-ordinator, Mysuru Division, proposed a vote of thanks. H.R. Dhananjay, NSS Programme Officer, H.S. Suhas, Assistant NSS Programme Officer, staff members and NSS students took part in the programme.

NCC serves the needy

13 Kar. Bn. NCC staff, Associate NCC Officers (ANOs) and Cadets distributed ration to needy persons near Railway Line in Bannimantap Industrial Area yesterday (Apr.19).

COVID - 19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	4,501
Persons who have completed 14 days' isolation	:	2,293
Persons isolated in home for 14 days	:	2,148
Persons isolated in hospital active cases	:	60
Total samples tested	:	2,261
Samples found negative	:	2,177
Samples found positive (cumulative)	:	84
Persons cured / discharged	:	24
Death toll so far in Mysore	:	0

MANDYA

Total positive cases in Mandya	:	12
Death toll so far in Mandya	:	0

KARNATAKA & INDIA

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	408
Persons cured / discharged	:	112
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	16
Total active cases in India	:	14,175
Persons cured / discharged	:	2,547
Death toll so far in India	:	543

(Note: Mysuru media bulletin on Apr. 20 unavailable)

COVID-19 District Emergency Control Room

The Mysuru District Emergency Control Room for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is functional 24x7 and has a team of operators and medical professionals who are working in shifts. All related queries will be handled professionally and necessary guidance will be provided to all callers, according to Mysuru DC.

Mysuru Helpline numbers
1077 or 0821-2423800
Karnataka Helpline number: 104
Central Helpline number:
011-23978046
Email: ncov2019@gmail.com

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